

Department of Public Health

- The Governor has proposed a 10% reduction to School Based Health Centers, a cut of \$921,000 in each fiscal year.
- School Based Health Centers are part of the essential system of care for children and adolescents, providing physical, mental health, and oral health services to over 44,000 students in CT. Proposed cuts to School Based Health Centers would mean thousands of children will receive fewer direct medical and mental health services provided to them in an accessible way – within their schools. Some of these lost visits will mean that:
- Students who need state-mandated school entry physicals will have access issues, rather than being seen immediately so they can attend school.
- Students with asthma or other treatable conditions that could have been addressed during the school day may now go into an acute medical crisis and need to be seen in the Emergency Department, costly in terms of missed class time and medical expenses.
- Students who are in need of mental health supports may now sit on a waiting list rather than being seen before their problems worsen.